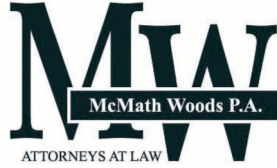


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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Ms. Lane:

This letter is a request for records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*, for documents pertaining to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) review and/or approval of an antidegradation implementation procedure for Arkansas. "Antidegradation implementation procedure" means the "methods for implementing" a "statewide antidegradation policy." *See* 40 C.F.R. § 131.12.

For the purposes of this request for documents, please consider further references to an "implementation procedure" a request for documents that fall into any of the following three categories:

1. Records pertaining to the determination of the existence, or ***lack thereof***, of an antidegradation implementation procedure for Arkansas,
2. Draft antidegradation implementation procedures for Arkansas, and
3. Final antidegradation implementation procedures for Arkansas.

Please provide me with copies of:

- Records determining the existence of an implementation procedure, including, but not limited to, internal memorandums, decision documents, or other records evaluating the implementation procedure, and any correspondence regarding the same.

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- Records evaluating Arkansas' implementation procedure for compliance with 40 C.F.R. § 131.12 and/or 40 C.F.R. § 131.6.
- Records of correspondence between EPA and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) regarding the implementation procedure.
- Records evaluating, directing the revision of, or ordering the creation of, an implementation procedure prepared by ADEQ.
- Records showing EPA has approved or not approved an implementation procedure for Arkansas.
- Records showing EPA has, or has considered, promulgating its own implementation procedure for Arkansas, and any records pertaining to an EPA draft of such an implementation procedure.

You may limit your search for records to the past ten years. I will accept records in digital format in lieu of a printed copy. This letter approves an EPA expenditure of up to \$100.00 to respond to this request. Should this request require a fee greater than that amount, please contact me as soon as possible with an estimate of the fee.

Thank you for addressing this request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or require additional information.

Sincerely,

*/s Ross Noland*

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